

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/18/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7, 10-22, 25 and 26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on June 18, 2007. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 25 have been amended. Claims 6, 8-9, 23-24 and 27-32 are canceled. Claims 1-5, 7, 10-22 and 25-26 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-5, 7, 10-22 and 25-26 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. With respect to independent claim 1: Claim 1 recites a method of regulating executing execution of a computer operation, comprising: reading one or more parameters specified with the computer operation; determining if the computer operation requires a plug-in and if not, executing the computer operation, wherein the at least one plug-in comprises an authorization plug-in; if the computer operation requires at least one plug-in, filtering any required plug-in parameters from the one or more parameters specified with the computer operation; determining whether all required plug-in parameters for the at least one plug-in have been specified; terminating the at least one plug-in with failure if not all the required plug-in parameters have been specified; executing the at least one plug-in if all the required plug-in parameters have been specified, comprising attempting to obtain authorization for executing the computer operation, wherein obtaining authorization includes checking to see whether a value of at least one required plug -in parameter matches a value of at least one

authorization parameter, and wherein the at least one authorization parameter is generated using a license key generating tool, and executing the computer operation if the at least one plug-in terminates with success, wherein the at least one plug-in regulates execution of the computer operation. The prior art on record either taken singularly or in combination fail to teach or suggest all the above limitation specifically the prior art fails to teach "wherein obtaining authorization includes checking to see whether a value of at least one required plug -in parameter matches a value of at least one authorization parameter, and wherein the at least one authorization parameter is generated using a license key generating tool, and executing the computer operation if the at least one plug-in terminates with success, wherein the at least one plug-in regulates execution of the computer operation."

5. Independent claim 13 has similar limitations as independent claim 1 is therefore allowed for similar reasons above.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shewaye Gelagay whose telephone number is 571-272-4219. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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